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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: IRAQI REQUEST FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

REF: STATE 102743

1. DR. ALLAN MCKELVIE, PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD ORTHOPEDIC CONCERN (WOC) DISCUSSED WITH US THE RESULTS OF HIS VISIT TO IRAQ JUST PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE. ACCORDING TO MCKELVIE, THE VISIT WAS SUCCESSFUL AND HE ANTICIPATES THAT THE TRAINING PROGRAM WOC PROPOSED TO THE IRAQIS WILL BE ACCEPTED. HE HAD A NUMBER OF MEETINGS WITH VARIOUS HEALTH OFFICIALS, INCLUDING MINISTER OF HALTH HUSSAIN AND EXPECTS THAT THE VARIOUS DETAILS WILL BE WORKED OUT IN THE COMING MONTHS.

2. MCKELVIE LEFT WITH THE IRAQIS A NUMBER OF DRAFT AGREEMENTS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION. HE INTENDS TO PROVIDE COPIES TO THE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON UPON HIS RETURN.

3. RE PARA 3 REFTTEL, CONCERNING USG INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COOPERATION, WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS
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SUBJECT WAS NOT DISCUSSED IN ANY DETAIL, PRINCIPAL FOCUS OF VISIT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN WOC INTEREST IN ITS OWN PROGRAM, BUT DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PURSUE THIS FURTHER. AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, NO DISCUSSION OF SADDAM HUSSEIN'S CONDITION AROSE NOR DID MCKELVIE SEE MICHEL AFLAQ (WHOSE SON MCKELVIE EXAMINED IN PARIS) DUE TO ABSENCE OF

AFLAQ FROM IRAQ.
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